

Cloudy; colder, tonight
and tomorrow.

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DINNER OF NABUCO TO ROOT GIVEN UP IN BRAZIL'S GRIEF

Embassy Mourning Loss
of Lives on Famous
Aquidaban.

BONAPARTE'S SYMPATHY

Condolence of United States
Navy Wired to Rio
Janeiro.

The Brazilian ambassador, Senor Nabuco, issued the following notice from the embassy today:

"Owing to the sinking of the Brazilian warship Aquidaban, in the night of the 2nd instant, causing the death of 223 men, of whom three were rear admirals, the official dinner to the Secretary of State and Mrs. Root, tonight at the Brazilian embassy, shall not take place."

Secretary Bonaparte has sent the following dispatch to the Brazilian minister of marine at Rio Janeiro.

"In behalf of the United States navy permit me to extend to the Brazilian navy and all others concerned the deepest sympathy for the loss of life they have sustained in the unfortunate destruction of the battleship Aquidaban." The President, through the State Department, today sent the condolences of the American Government to the President and people of Brazil on account of disaster that overtook the Aquidaban. The message, which was expressed in a dispatch of fifty words, was not made public.

She Caused Revolution In Naval Construction

RIO JANEIRO, Brazil, Jan. 23.—The remarkable performance of the battleship Aquidaban, which was sunk by the explosion of her powder magazine at Port Tacareagua, south of this city, at 10:45 o'clock last night, challenged the admiration of the whole world when she was Mello's flagship in his revolt a dozen years ago.

Time and again she ran the gantlet harbor without harm. Solid shot and shell rained on her to no effect. Mello came and went as he pleased, sometimes replying to the broadsides hurled at him, often treating them with contempt.

Made Experts Think.
These exploits set the naval experts of all countries thinking, and resulted in important developments in all navies, especially in armor and in high-power guns. It may almost be said that the Aquidaban, though she failed in her political revolution, caused a revolution in naval warfare.

Her armor consisted of a partial compound belt seven feet and from seven to eleven inches thick; her redoubt and turrets had armor ten inches thick. In the last engagement between the shore batteries and the fleet, Mello fired 155 shells. The forts fired twice as many, but none harmed the Aquidaban nor the other rebel vessels. But several of the Aquidaban's shells fell in the forts, killing many troops and doing great damage.

Sunk by Torpedoes.

According to the Brazilian government official report, the government torpedo boats found the Aquidaban off the rebel forts at Desterro, April 15, 1914, and torpedoed her after a stiff engagement. But there was an apparently well grounded unofficial story that Admiral Mello, wishing to keep the Aquidaban out of the government's hands, abandoned her and ran her ashore, where a government torpedo boat, her in some torpedoed her without resistance.

Mello had surrendered himself, his five other ships and his command of 1,200 men to Argentina.

The Aquidaban was raised and reconstructed at Stettin in 1906.

She was of 4,800 tons displacement and 6,200 horsepower, and was built in England in 1885-87 at a cost of \$1,725,000.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The area of high pressure over the Atlantic has begun to give way, a condition favorable to the eastward advance of the cold weather now prevailing in the Mississippi valley. The temperature continues abnormally high in Atlantic coast districts, including western New York, and thence southward to western Georgia. Throughout this area and westward to the Mississippi valley precipitation has been heavy, during the last twenty-four hours. Snow continues in the upper lake region, and locally in the middle Mississippi valley; elsewhere fair weather has prevailed, except in north Pacific coast States, where rain continues.

The weather will clear tonight, except in the upper Ohio valley, the lower lake region, and north New York, where there will be snow tonight and Wednesday.

The temperature in Atlantic coast districts will fall 30 to 35 degrees in the next twenty-four hours.

TEMPERATURE.

2 a. m. 65
12 m. 60
1 p. m. 67
2 p. m. 69

THE SUN.

Sun sets today. 5:10
Sun rises tomorrow. 7:12

TIDE TABLE.

Low tide today. 1:57
High tide today. 6:50
Low tide tomorrow. 2:00 a. m.
High tide tomorrow. 8:03 p. m.

STATEHOOD BATTLE WAGED BY ARMIES IN HOUSE LOBBIES

Speaker Jumps in Fight
Against Worst Revolt
Party Has Known.

PRESIDENT BEGS REBELS

Personal Interviews With Insurgents at White House
Last Resort.

The Statehood fight is at its highest today, and the struggle between the House leaders and the insurgents was picturesque in its intensity all this morning and afternoon.

Remarkable scenes were enacted in the corridors, committee rooms, and cloak rooms on the House side of the Capitol. Insurgent captains reminded weakening followers of their solemn promise to defeat the "gag rule," which the leaders will attempt to put through the House tomorrow to insure the passage of the bill in its original shape. Leaders of the statewarts exhorted the "wobbly" insurgents to return to the fold.

Rebels in Secret Session.

This afternoon the rebels, under the leadership of Mr. Babcock, are in secret consultation in the District committee rooms, and scouts are urging to the meeting every man who is regarded as insurgent timber.

Even the Speaker himself mingled freely and often with members in the corridors and the Appropriations Committee room during the forenoon. His arm around shoulders and his tones persuasive.

The air is full of fight. There is no question that both sides realize they are now in the hottest and most crucial phase of the most staggering revolt the party organization has faced in the House in many years. But both sides are claiming victory.

A sign of weakness in the ranks of the insurgents came to light today when a report, given the weight of high authority, gained credence that Mr. Babcock, realizing the "wobblyness" of one of his followers yesterday, besought him to leave the city rather than run the risk of leading his unstable vote against the Statehood bill.

Mr. Babcock has resorted to this course to prevent the leaders gaining by his weakness.

Organization Fearful.

On the other hand, the leaders have evinced their feeling of uncertainty by frequent consultations in the Speaker's room and elsewhere, by writing notes to absent "stalwarts" asking them to be present for the vote, and by employing every possible means to win insurgents to their side.

Tomorrow the fight will be practically over, but the feeling on the matter has become so bitter that its effects on the party in the House will be felt for a long time.

The Insurgent Leaders Will Hold Another Consultation Late This Evening.

Insurgent leaders today are in secret consultation with the insurgent Republicans, and the insurgent Democrats will hold another consultation late this evening.

President Labors With The Insurgents

Administration influence is being exerted in a heroic attempt today to save the joint Statehood bill, which the "insurgents" of the House threaten to bludgeon tomorrow, with the assistance of the Democrats under the leadership of John Sharp Williams. A number of the insurgents were summoned to the White House, and there given some straight talk by the President, who is mightily interested in the passage of the measure.

Speaker Cannon was an early caller at the President's office, but was rather shy about predicting the fate of the bill.

Humphrey Unaffected.

Representative Humphrey of Washington, one of the insurgents, emerged from the President's office much subdued, but still an out-and-out opponent of the bill.

"I'd like to vote for it to please the President," said Mr. Humphrey, "but I am opposed to Statehood in any form for those Territories, and will have to vote against the bill. The President has always been very kind to me, and I'd like to see my way clear to help him. But I think the bill is dead, and see no reason to change my views."

Respective Reports Submitted.

Representative Hamilton of Michigan, chairman of the House Committee on Territories, today submitted to the House the report of that committee favoring the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one, and Arizona and New Mexico as another State.

The report of the minority opposing Statehood for Arizona and New Mexico was presented by Representative Moon of Tennessee.

The majority report is devoted to an analysis of the bill, a discussion of the qualifications for Statehood, and a simple recommendation "that the bill do pass."

Under the terms of the bill, the State of Oklahoma may be admitted into the Union as soon as the new organization can be perfected and a constitution adopted. The State of Arizona

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WASHINGTON, TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 23, 1906.

ADJUTANTS GENERAL AND AIDES FORM CONVENTION OF NATIONAL GUARDS



United States Senator Dick, President of Association, in Frock Coat in Center of Bottom Row; General Harries, of District of Columbia, End of Same Row

FLAW DISCOVERED IN DECATUR TRIAL

Midshipman Improperly Arraigned.

WRONG IMPRESSION, SNYDER

Lieutenant Says First Class Men Were Mistaken in Thinking He Suggested Hazing Plebes.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 23.—It has just become known that Stephen Decatur, Jr., of Portsmouth, N. H., midshipman, first class, was not arraigned properly at his second trial, recently completed before the court-martial.

Decatur was tried on charges both of "hazing" and "encouraging or countenancing hazing." It will be remembered that his counsel, Mr. Theall, of Washington, entered several pleas to the first charge. After these motions were overruled, it appears, Decatur was not arraigned on the second count. It is stated that Superintendent Sands subsequently quashed one of the specifications, and it is generally understood that he was convicted on the other counts.

Snyder on Stand.

The trial by court-martial of Midshipman Claude B. Mayo, first class, of Columbus, Miss., charged with the hazing of five fourth class men, was continued this morning. Lieut. C. P. Snyder, who was the officer in charge of quarters on September 21 last when there passed between him and several upper class men a conversation which brought about the "running" of a number of plebes because of the breach of discipline for laughing in ranks, resumed his testimony.

He said he had not the slightest intention of giving to the seniors a hint to correct this by hazing the plebes, and did not see whence they could draw such an inference. Lieutenant Snyder did not deny that he left the building on the afternoon that the hazing occurred.

Mayo Case Delicate.

Mayo's case is the most delicate one that the court has yet been called upon to handle, because of the manner in which the offense was brought about and the previous good standing of the accused. Mayo is a Y. M. C. A. man and as such had taken part in a conversation which brought about the "running" of a number of plebes because of the breach of discipline for laughing in ranks, resumed his testimony.

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Taft Will Make Clear PANAMA CURRENCY PLAN

Secretary Taft will appear before the Senate Committee on Finance tomorrow at 10:30 o'clock to explain the circumstances that brought about the agreement between the United States and the Republic of Panama to maintain the standard of Panama currency.

SENATOR WARREN'S BILL ALLOWING WOMEN TO VOTE

A bill granting women who are citizens of the United States, and who possess such qualifications of age, residence, property, and education as may be required of men to make them eligible to vote in the several States, shall be eligible to register and vote in all States of the Union at all elections for members of the House of Representatives, was introduced today by Senator Warren of Wyoming.

WOULD INCREASE COST OF BARRACKS HOSPITALS

Congress is today in receipt of a communication from the Secretary of War urging that the limit of cost of \$20.00 for the construction of barracks hospitals be raised to \$30.00.

AMERICAN REBELS STRAND IN POLAND

Went From Pennsylvania Home to Fight.

NO REVOLUTION, NO JOBS

Patriotic Zeal for Country's Cause Aroused by Agents Sent Through Mills on This Side.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Numbers of Poles are passing through this port on their way back from America to their own country, where they intend to join the revolutionaries in the fight for independence.

Having been fired by insurgent delegates in the United States with patriotic zeal, they worked their passage to Liverpool in cattle ships.

Many of them left America with the idea of joining in the great demonstration which was to have taken place, but did not, in the first week of the new year, so that their prospects in Poland, where employment is not to be had, are of the vaguest.

These patriotic Poles have found that revolution is not a paying business, and are now regretting that they left the coal mines and steel mills of Pennsylvania, where they could at least support life comfortably.

FRANCE'S SUPERB GIFT TO MISS ROOSEVELT

Gobelin Tapestry Reproduction of "Le Manuscrit" by Great Painter Will Be National Wedding Present.

PARIS, Jan. 23.—The Gobelin tapestry chosen by Premier Rouvier and Mr. Beaumetz, minister of fine arts, as a national wedding gift to Miss Alice Roosevelt is thirteen feet high and is a reproduction of the picture "Le Manuscrit," by the German painter, Charles F. Hermann, a pupil of Cornelius.

It is one of the finest examples of tapestry work in France, and a worthy expression of France's friendship for the United States.

In addition to this, President Loubet, President with the foreign minister, Rouvier will, among other noted Frenchmen, give appropriate presents.

TO CONTEST POPE'S CLAIM TO COUNTESS' ESTATE

LISEON, Portugal, Jan. 23.—The family of the late Countess Valmor, former lady in waiting to Queen Amelia, who died recently leaving the bulk of her fortune of \$2,000,000 to the Pope, intends to contest the will under which she made this bequest.

Senor De Vincenti, the Pope's private envoy, has arrived here to take possession of the property. He had a long interview with the foreign minister shortly after his arrival. A protracted legal struggle is expected for possession of the estate.

The daily average net paid circulation of The Washington Times exceeds that of any other Washington paper by thousands of copies.

Yesterday's net circulation was

39,153

Times Want Ads Bring Results.

CHINESE NEW YEAR BEGINS TONIGHT

Celestials of Washington Will Celebrate Event.

FEASTING AND GOOD CHEER

Oriental Will Pay Off Their Debts and the Hatchett of Enmity.

Lucky is he who at this time of the year has for a debtor, a full-fledged Chinaman. The man who has a Celestial for a debtor has made a good investment for the Chinese New Year begins this evening as the sun goes down, and that is a token for all true Chinamen to take of their debts and then with a clean slate start the New Year with feasting and good cheer.

Probably this idea of paying off all debts is the most curious thing connected with the Chinese New Year. The Orientals all pay up or lose caste among their own kind.

Chinese Almanac.

The Chinese Almanac, the quaintest and oddest publication in the world, makes its annual appearance with the coming of the Chinese New Year. The Almanac is circulated throughout the Chinese empire and also wherever there happens to be a Chinaman. It is estimated that at least 50,000 copies are sent to America every year.

Without a doubt the almanac is the oldest publication in the world, as it has been printed in Peking for at least 2,000 years by the Chinese government, which puts its official seal on each copy.

This year's almanac is the thirty-second number, as 1906 in China is the year 22.

No Skyrockets.

Since the rule has been made that there are to be no fireworks a great deal of interest has been lost in the New Year celebration in Chinatown. Before the ordinance was passed a great many citizens and pleasure-seekers made a habit of visiting that section of the city merely to see the excellent displays of fireworks that were always set off.

Although the fireworks have been barred, the Chinese population of Washington will by no means fail to have a good time and fittingly celebrate their New Year.

Hatchet Is Buried.

This is the day of all days, when the Ders and the Wahs bury the hatchet. Not a Chinaman in this country or upon his native heath, who for the next seven days, will not forget every iota of enmity and figuratively clasp his bearded brother in loving embrace.

The era also marks the thirty-second year of the reign of Kwan Shih, the present Emperor, but is also the beginning of a new era.

"Gong He Fa Toi" is the slogan and in extending this greeting the Celestials do not clasp hands of one another, but shake hands with themselves.

Then they eat philopina by an exchange of the "Li-chia" nut, while the "Yin" is strummed and the Sam-Yin played.

CELEBRATED CLEVELAND VETO IS STOLEN

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 23.—Grover Cleveland's famous veto message, written when he was mayor of Buffalo, in 1882, that made him known to the rest of the State, has disappeared from the vaults in city hall. With it have gone more than a hundred other public documents, including bonds of public officials, claims against the city, objections to assessment rolls, and grants for franchises.

Cleveland's message is at least the most notable of the missing documents from a historical point of view. It was his first public expression on graft.

The city had received bids for street cleaning work in 1882, and the common council had voted in favor of awarding the contract to contractors who wanted considerably more than the lowest bids submitted.

GOVERNOR GLENN TO NATIONAL GUARD

Brilliant Address Before Convention at Arlington.

LOYAL SOUTH PRAISED

Chief Executive of North Carolina Grateful for the Present Good National Feeling.

A treat in oratory was given the delegates to the convention of the Interstate National Guard at the second and last session in the Arlington Hotel today by Governor Glenn of North Carolina. The visit of the Governor was by invitation of Chairman Dick, and was not on the printed schedule of events.

Senator Dick was in the chair and caused the convention to order shortly after 10 o'clock.

Upon the conclusion of a few details, which were neglected yesterday, the convention turned immediately to new business.

Upon motion, a bill introduced into the House of Representatives by Mr. Morrill, providing for an annual appropriation of \$2,000,000 (an increase of \$1,000,000 over the present appropriation) for the purpose of providing arms, ordnance, quartermaster stores and camp equipment for issue to the militias of the United States, was read by Secretary C. D. Evans. Some debate occurred when it was moved that the committee on legislation be given a free hand to make what changes they deemed necessary in the bill, but it was finally carried with the amendment adopted.

Shy of Insurance.

That the convention is anxious to stay out of insurance complications was demonstrated when the committee on resolutions reported adversely on a resolution providing for legislation to prevent the refusal of insurance companies to issue policies to those who are in the service of the United States army.

A recess of ten minutes, awaiting the report of the committee of resolutions was declared. Governor Glenn of North Carolina was introduced by the chairman. His arrival was a surprise and his welcome, after the first words that he spoke, was a continued ovation.

The governor said: "I have spoken to educators, lawyers, titlers of the soil, and men in nearly every conceivable call of life, but never have I addressed a man whom I more respect than those who are ready to take their lives in their hands and lay them on the altar of their country."

Remembers Old Adage.

"Let us not forget the old adage, 'In time of peace prepare for war.' Some old croakers will say 'Why should we place arms and ammunition in the hands of States which, when they become displeased, may be used against the nation,' but sirs, I can speak for but one section and that is the Sunny South, that never again will the hand of rebellion be raised against the Union."

Shouts and clapping greeted this sentiment.

When the election of officers began some delay was occasioned by the method to be pursued. It was finally decided to elect the incumbents to a unanimous vote of the association was carried. The officers are Gen. Charles Dick, president, Columbus, Ohio; Gen. John D. Frost, treasurer, Columbia, S. C.; Col. Carroll D. Evans, secretary, Columbus, Neb.; Executive committee, Gen. James A. Drain, chairman, Olympia, Washington; Gen. John R. Ward, Indiana; Gen. Lawrence R. Riggs, Nebraska; Gen. N. H. Henry, New York; Gen. W. T. Hughes, Kansas; Col. Charles Macone, N. C.; Gen. J. H. Hulen, Texas; Vice presidents, Gen. George M. Moulton, Illinois; Gen. F. B. Wood, Minnesota; Gen. J. H. Culver, Indiana; Gen. C. R. Foster, Florida; Gen. J. B. Lauck, California; Gen. John E. Ward, Indiana; Gen. W. T. Hughes, Kansas; Gen. L. Riggs, Maryland; Gen. W. T. Arnold, North Carolina.

Tonight the delegates will be the guests of the local National Guard at the reception held at the New Willard Hotel. After the reception a buffet supper will be served.

VENEZUELAN COAST TO BE BLOCKADED BY FRENCH SHIPS

United States Gives Consent to Warlike Movement.

CAN NOW PUNISH CASTRO

Neither Letter Nor Spirit of Monroe Doctrine Will Be Violated.

France will blockade the Venezuelan coast.

It is learned that orders to this effect have been prepared at the naval office in Paris for transmission to the squadron now in Caribbean waters.

This information comes from an unquestioned diplomatic authority in this city. The blockade will be established with a week or ten days, just as soon as the proper number of vessels can be assembled off the coast of Venezuela. France has three warships now within a few days' sail of the coast, and two more about to be sent from Europe.

Powers Not Asked.

Although Germany, Great Britain, and Italy have been informed of this decision, their permission to blockade ports upon whose customs receipts they have a lien has not been asked, nor will it be asked. France considers that her political rights in the premises transcend the fiscal rights of those countries.

Moreover, the blockading will be done with the full consent of the United States Government. France has already given assurances that neither the letter nor the spirit of the Monroe doctrine shall be violated, and on this understanding she has been accorded full permission by President Roosevelt to go ahead and punish President Castro as she may see fit.

May Land Troops.

The entire program has not yet been arranged. Much depends on the attitude to be assumed by the Venezuelan authorities. Should the apology which has been demanded on account of the treatment of M. Taigny not be forthcoming in a reasonable time, it is more than likely that French troops will be landed as a "supplemental remedy" to use the words of the informant.

No News From Russell.

Although no advice have yet come to the State Department from Minister Russell at Caracas and no report on the situation in Venezuela has been received from him in nearly a week, officials here express a belief that he has not been molested.

LUTHER MARSH BOOKS REMOVED FROM OLD HOME

MIDDLETOWN, Jan. 23.—Most of the books and papers of the late Luther R. Marsh, the jurist and spiritualist, have just been removed from his late home, the Huyler-Marsh mansion on Benton avenue, this city, and sold to persons from out of town. The collection, which included many of Marsh's spiritualist books, and copies of many messages purporting to have been received from the spirit world, was the collection of Anna Della Doss de Bar and Mrs. Clarissa J. Huyler, of this city.

MAINE ASSOCIATION HOLDS INTERESTING MEETING

The regular meeting of the Maine Association was held Saturday evening at 522 Sixth street northwest. The following program, in charge of Mrs. C. S. York, was given:

Piano solo, "Waltz," by Miss Clara Ellis; reading, "A New Declaration of Independence," by Dr. Alexander Kent, followed by an amusing rendition of a ballad, "The Ballad of the Bait," violin solo, "Berceuse," Mrs. L. V. Ellis, accompanied on the piano by Miss Ellis; recitation, Miss Grace Ross.

TRANSPORT SUMNER PLACED AT COMMISSION'S DISPOSAL

The House today passed legislation desired by Secretary of War Taft, placing the transport Sumner at the disposal of the Government to carry the Santiago battlefleet commission and reports of the President and State Department from New York to Santiago de Cuba and return, to attend the dedication of the peace monument, commemorating the battles adjacent to Santiago. The expense to be incurred was limited to \$1,000.

Y. W. C. A. WILL HOLD MEETING FOR MEMBERS

The Young Women's Christian Association will give its first regular meeting for members on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The entertainment committee is composed of Mrs. W. Hamilton Bayly, Mrs. Woodbury Puffer and Mrs. Eugene Burns, who are planning some good music and readings.

DELEGATES AT ALGERIAS TAKE DAY OFF FOR FETE

ALGERIAS, Spain, Jan. 23.—The Duke of Almodovar, Spain's leading delegate to the Moroccan conference, and president of the assembly, held a levee today at the town hall in honor of King Alfonso's name day. There was no session of the congress, in celebration of the occasion, and the delegates all attended the levee. Members of the various embassies were likewise guests of the duke and the authorities at Gibraltar were present.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon, a reception to the delegates and other officials was given on board the Spanish cruiser Carlos Quinto, which was sent here for the purpose.